

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-17 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 7 and 12 being the independent claims. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding rejections.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,122,520 to Want et al. ("Want") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,625,457 to Raith ("Raith") and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0069029 A1 to Dowling et al. ("Dowling").

Claims 5 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Want in view of Raith and Dowling, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,456,852 to Bar et al. ("Bar").

Claims 7-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,650,902 to Richton ("Richton") in view of Dowling.

Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Richton in view of Dowling, and further in view of Want.

Claims 12, 13 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Raith in view of Dowling.

Claims 14-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Raith in view of Dowling, and further in view of Want.

Independent Claim 1 and its Dependent Claims are Allowable

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite a method including "querying a database located at a remote location from the electronic device" and "receiving directly from the database information associated with a potential real estate transaction at the location of the electronic

device.” None of the cited references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest such a method. Specifically, the cited references do not disclose or suggest receiving information associated with a potential real estate transaction at the location of the electronic device directly from the database. Dowling discloses a system that includes receiving real estate information about a particular property from a transmitter located at the property, not directly from a database situated remotely from the property as recited in claim 1.

Accordingly, the Applicants submit that at least for this reason claim 1 as amended is allowable. Based at least upon their dependence from claim 1, claims 2-6 are also allowable.

Independent Claim 7 and its Dependent Claims are Allowable

Independent claim 7 has been amended to recite a computer readable software code including code for “receiving location-centric information directly from the information system, the location-centric information being related to a potential real estate transaction specific to the geographic location associated with the position of the electronic device” and “the information system being located at a geographic position different from the geographic position of the electronic device.” None of the cited references disclose or suggest such code. For similar reasons as stated above for claim 1, claim 7 is also allowable.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that at least for this reason, claim 7 is allowable. Based at least upon their dependence from claim 7, claims 8-11 are also allowable.

Independent Claim 12 and its Dependent Claims are Allowable

Independent claim 12 recites a database including “a plurality of location data fields, each location data field being associated with a location from a plurality of locations in a base grid” and the database “being configured to output information associated with a potential real estate transaction at one of the locations from the plurality of locations in the base grid directly to an electronic device located at the one location from the plurality of locations, the database being located at a location different from the one location from the plurality of locations.” For similar reasons as stated above for claims 1 and 7, claim 12 is also allowable.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that at least for this reason, claim 12 is allowable. Based at least upon their dependence from claim 12, claims 13-17 are also allowable.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection in the Office Action have been properly traversed or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding rejections. Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

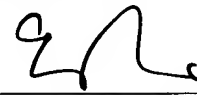
Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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